



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Early Learning

Subject of possible rule making:

The Department of Early Learning (DEL) is amending Family Home Child Care Minimum Licensing Requirement (Chapter 170-296 WAC) to: clarify language, align with the Quality Rating & Improvement System (QRIS), and address previous omissions.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:

Chapter 43.215 RCW

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

Department of Early Learning is amending Family Home Child Care licensing rules (Chapter 170-296 of the Washington Administrative Code) to clarify the rules, align with the Quality Rating and Improvement System, and address previous omissions. Minimum Licensing Requirements provide parents assurance that family home child care is a safe, healthy, nurturing early learning environment for their children.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

N/A

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☒ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study
- ☐ Other (describe)

DEL will use negotiated rule-making to gather wide input on the new rules about licensed family home child care. On January 6th and 20th we will host two meetings where participants will design the negotiated rule-making process. Information about the two planning meetings is available on our website: <http://www.del.wa.gov/ccel/rules/Rules.shtml#licensing>. We hope for a large turnout of parents, child care providers, and others with an interest in our children.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before

publication: (List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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